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I refer to your client's Notice of Intention to apply for a packaged liquor licence with an extended trading authorisation, trading as Harry's Liquor at 33 Oaks Avenue, Dee Why NSW 2099.

Northern Sydney Local Health District (NSLHD) has an active interest in measures to prevent or reduce alcohol-related harm such as malicious damage, interpersonal violence, accidental injury and long-term health impacts.

**NSLHD does not support the application for a packaged liquor licence with extended trade authorisation at 33 Oaks Avenue, Dee Why. The overall social impact of this licence would be detrimental to the well-being of the local and broader community.**

**Our concerns include:**

- The application requests extended trading hours Monday to Sunday from 9am to 10pm. This places the venue's opening hours within a period of time identified as problematic for alcohol-related assaults and offensive behaviour. The Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) have identified a substantial increase in the percentage of these offenses commencing at 6pm and increasing until 3am. Additionally, the Dee Why Hotel (Hotel licence) that is located within close proximity (450m) to the proposed premise currently operates with extended trading hours until 3am.
- There are five existing packaged liquor licences located within short 600m radius of the proposed premise. Increasing the density of liquor outlets is likely to increase alcohol consumption and alcohol-related harm, particularly among young people.
- In the year to September 2019, the alcohol-related domestic assault rate (incidents per 100,000 residents) in Dee Why (138.8) was 66.4% higher compared to Northern Beaches LGA (83.4), higher compared to major Cities of Australia (NSW) (97.5), and higher compared to all of NSW (117.7).
- Overall liquor outlet saturation in Dee Why is currently 12.8% higher compared to NSW and has seen an increase of 11.3% between Dec 2017 and December 2019.
- Longitudinal evidence from 2001 to 2018 shows that Northern Beaches LGA has had a consistently higher rate of alcohol-attributable hospitalisations than the state average. Most recent health data from 2016-2018 shows that Northern beaches LGA has a 39.9% higher alcohol attributable hospitalisation rate than the NSW average.
- According to social disadvantage data, 14.4% of households on Oaks Avenue are considered low income households (earning less than \$650 per week). Relatively disadvantaged people report higher alcohol consumption levels, and are more susceptible to spending a larger proportion of their household income on alcohol.
- Although the rate (per 100,000 population) of malicious damage to property in Dee Why (across the whole suburb) is lower than the NSW rate, the proposed PLL is located within a hotspot for malicious damage.

**Due to the concerns raised above, we strongly recommend that your client reconsider their intention to apply for a packaged liquor licence with an extended trading authorisation.**

Should this proceed to a formal application to Liquor & Gaming NSW for extended trading hours, NSLHD will submit a more detailed objection.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Melissa Palermo, NSLHD Health Promotion (Brookvale Community Health Centre) at 02 9388 5295 or [Melissa.Palermo@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Melissa.Palermo@health.nsw.gov.au).

Kind regards

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